

Bar Hill News

October '03 No. 403

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**Copy date for the next issue is 15th October
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or see page 2 for other contact details**

Bar Hill Residents' Association

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Letters to the Editor



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Dear Editor,

I have recently moved to Bar Hill and was pleasantly surprised when the 'Bar Hill News' dropped through my door. First of all - great idea for a village having something like this, I'm very impressed!

It was funny to read some of the complaints of the residents of Bar Hill. This is not to say that I thought they were ridiculous, more somewhat refreshing! I have moved down from Aberdeen to take up a job in Cambridge. I have lived in Aberdeen all my life and even the little villages surrounding the city have their problems - break-ins, car theft, drugs, muggings etc. It was lovely to see that the 'only' complaints residents had were about the grass verges! So refreshing, especially when you consider that the day I left Aberdeen there were three reported knife attacks in the space of one night. I must commend the residents of the village for making this place so nice, and, as you can probably guess, I certainly won't be returning to Aberdeen anytime soon!

Graeme Ross.

Dear Editor,

YES WE DO

The Cambridge Evening News reported District Councillor Colin Barker's U-TURN.

District Councillor Roger Hall confirmed the report last month B.H.N. that should any wheelie bin be stolen, then the house occupier will not have to pay £25 for a replacement. The report made clear that if any wheelie bin is vandalised, then the house occupier WILL STILL have to pay £25 for a replacement. Vandalism is criminal

damage, therefore by definition a CRIME. So, if your wheelie bin is stolen and/or vandalised, this crime should be reported to the police who are legally obliged to give you an "incident number". Make sure you ask for an incident number, then inform S.C.D.C or your District Councillor Tom Flanagan or Roger Hall if you have problems.

Come on Tom and Roger, fight our cause. Victims of vandalism should not have to pay to redress a criminal act.

Yours Faithfully

Michael Boughton-Fox

Dear editor,

I wish to add my views to those expressed by other Bar Hill residents in the September edition of the Bar Hill News regarding the grass verges and the main village entrance roundabout.

I and several friends like to walk around the ring road and were looking forward to a path to walk on, which has never materialised completely around the whole ring road. We now contend with deep lorry-wheel indents, jumping out of the way of cars, overhanging weeds and branches.

Surely the majority of residents want to enjoy living in a nicely maintained village.

Name & address provided.

Dear Editor

I would like to reply to Rod Bishop's letter in the September edition of the Bar Hill News. Two points he raised - the verges and the road signs - were dealt with at length in the July edition so I will not use space to go over that information again.

The verges around the main roundabout are the responsibility of the County Council.

The Barbers' Shop is going to be replaced with an office which will be let to provide rental income for the village. The existing building has not been

demolished because it was felt that it might attract unwelcome visitors who might be difficult to remove. The demolition will therefore take place just prior to the new building being started.

The bus shelter is at the centre of an insurance claim, and anyone who has had to submit one will know that this is not a quick process. The insurance company concerned has just contacted the Clerk denying any responsibility for the replacement of the shelter. This will be taken up with the Council's insurers, but I foresee a lengthy wrangle and no quick decision.

The main roundabout is not being sponsored by Pet Paks of Hardwick - at least not as far as the Parish Council is concerned. The signs were erected on behalf of the County Council against our expressed wishes, and we have asked for them to be removed. All enquiries to John Reynolds, your County Council representative please.

All of these topics appear regularly in the Parish Council's minutes which are pinned up in the window of the meeting room at the Village Hall. Copies are also available in the Library. Residents who read these regularly can see progress (or not) month by month, and share the frustration of Councillors that some things do not move faster. Members of the public are invited to all monthly meetings - these are at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month, in the meeting room at the Village Hall. Come along and observe your local Council in action.

Finally - any resident who is concerned about/interested in village matters is very welcome to join the Parish Council - we have a vacancy at the moment. Our Clerk has all the details.

Margaret Sellars
Chairperson

Bar Hill Parish Council

More letters are on page 4

More Letters to the Editor



Dear editor

Planning applications

Would all residents of Bar Hill please be advised that South Cambs District Council have approved plans for a single storey extension to be built on the rear of a semi detached property in Partridge Drive. When completed the extension will increase the footprint of the property by almost 50% and utilise almost 40% of the rear garden.

This without doubt sets a precedent for the scale of extension that can be built on the village, so if you have had an application refused you should now be able to appeal the District Council's decision quoting ref: S/0684/2003/F.

However if you do follow this route, please consider your neighbours as current legislation gives objectors no equal right of appeal.

Please also note that both the freeholds and leaseholds of Bar Hill properties are subject to a restrictive covenant, which requires the Parish Council's written approval prior to the commencement of any work. The Parish Council could have denied permission and prevented an extension of this magnitude from being built. Despite objecting to the plans, they have chosen not to enforce the covenant and by doing so, have given up their prerogative to determine which alterations and/or additions can be made to residential properties in the future.

Regards

Jim & Liz Lay

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The long hot summer has had two big effects in the county. First, many of you may have noticed that the roads have suffered quite badly from the

effects of the drought. As I have driven around the county in the last few weeks it has become apparent that many areas are seriously affected and will need repairs. At present the maintenance engineers are assessing the impact and no doubt I will shortly be told the bill for the cost of repairing them, though I have to say that at present I am not sure where the money will come from.

The other noticeable impact is that I have been literally inundated with complaints about overhanging trees and hedges so much so, that I thought it might be useful to set out what the rights and responsibilities are. Any greenery, tree, hedge or shrub that is adjacent to the highway is the responsibility of the owner. It is their duty to ensure that hedges etc. are kept cut back and do not cause an obstruction. Often owners may not be aware that there is a problem and an obvious example is if the back garden leads onto a road which the owners do not use frequently. In this case they may not be aware that their shrubbery is causing a problem. Often it is a minor problem, but the effects can be severe for example a bramble growing over a path at head height could be a danger to people walking past. Sometimes a hedge has become overgrown over a period of years and gradually starts to obstruct the footpath so that while the footway is normally wide enough for two people to walk side by side, the hedge means that it is now only wide enough for one person, or even less. If they then have to walk in the road to avoid the offending hedge, this is clearly potentially dangerous.

So what do the county council do? In the first instance it is better if someone from the parish council can have a quiet word with the owner, asking them to cut their hedge back; if that doesn't work then the highways engineers will write to the landowner. If the landowner still fails to comply, then we can get the offending hedge cut and

will seek re-imbursement from the householder. Clearly this is not something the engineers like doing and has to be seen as a last resort. There are occasions when we don't know who the landowner is and we have to take action, but it is not a route we like going down at the end of the day if the county council has to pay, that generally means that it is the council tax payer that has to foot the bill.

So can I make a plea if you have a hedge or tree that is adjacent to any highway check it now and if it looks as though it may be causing an obstruction, get it cut back and with the new green bins appearing across the district (early November in Bar Hill), you won't even need to take the cuttings to the HWRC!

I am always available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds

4 Hollytrees

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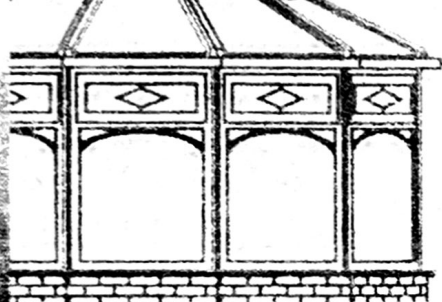
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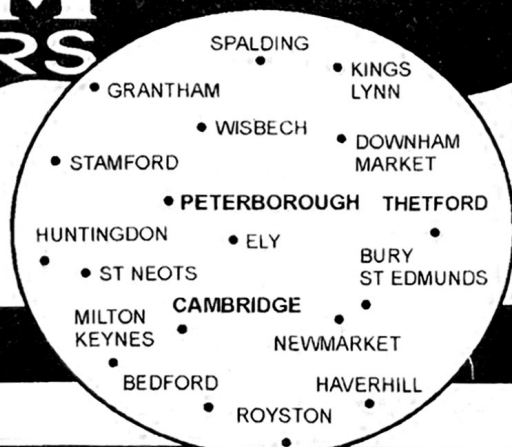
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Footpaths

May Gurney (who installed the footpaths around the perimeter road) have now been and poisoned off the weeds and have put down top-soil in readiness for the reseeding which will take place once the rain descends upon us. I am sure this is good news for the residents.

Village Hall

The costings have now been received and unfortunately they are over budget. The plans will need to be modified to bring the Village Hall back in line with the original allocation of money and will take a little more time. Hopefully I will have further information for the next issue of the Bar Hill News.

Trees/Hedges

Due to the hot summer a great deal of growing has occurred. I would ask that resident check over their garden walls to ensure that their hedging and trees are not overhanging public footpaths. If a resident feels there is a problem with a tree or hedge that does not belong to them please let me know and I will have a Parish Councillor inspect the area.

Abandoned Vehicles

There has been a spate of abandoned vehicles in the village this summer and I ask residents that if they see a vehicle that has been abandoned, please take the registration number and either let the Police know or contact me and I will contact the police. Unfortunately it does take time to have the vehicles removed as the registered owners have to be contacted before removal can take place.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October 2003 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The public is very welcome to attend the meeting.

Leigh Baffa
 Parish Clerk

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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 Give the CCC no. written on the post
 South Cambridgeshire District Council:
 01223 443000
 Dog Fouling: 01223 443012
 Cambridgeshire County Council
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Composting Club

Everyone is asked to note that the informal arrangement for depositing compostible material have ceased and that only paid up members may now use the service.

This is for legal reason; we may only accept selected material of known provenance, otherwise we stand to lose the permission to run the service from the Environment Agency. This means that only grass and plant waste, as set out in the rules, will be accepted at the regular times advertised to members.

Any other deposits will be treated as fly tipping and action will be taken against those responsible.

The cost of membership is only £5 per calendar year, which we believe is good value, as each trip to Milton will use approximately half a gallon of petrol.

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Monday 9.45 – 11.15 0-4 years
Tuesday 9.45 – 11.15 0-2 years
Wednesday 9.45 – 11.15 0-4 years
Friday 9.45 – 11.15 0-4 years

All sessions are 'Pay and Play'

Jo runs our Monday and Friday sessions and Kirsten runs Tuesday and Wednesday sessions.

'Pay and Play' sessions are £1.80 per child (£1.00 for siblings). This includes free refreshments for children and adults.

We have a wide range of activities and toys including painting, gluing, play dough, messy play, sand, prams, bikes, books, activity toys, puzzles and much more. We also have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of large outdoor toys.

Why not come and join us for a morning?

Diary Dates

Constable Photography

On Monday 27th October we are, once again, having a professional photographer to take beautiful, informal photographs of your children. Packs are £18.50 each and comprise of one 10x8, two 8x6 and four 5x4. A timetable to book your slot will be at all Tots and Teds. Simply fill in your details and come along. All ages and families are welcome.

All My Own Work

On Thursday 30th October Tots and Teds will be inviting everyone to come along and create something special for Christmas. Each child will be able to make their own mug, mouse mat, and/or coaster. They can decorate them however they like with a picture, handprints, etc. Prices and more details at Tots and Teds or by phoning 200228



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Dates for your diary

27th – 31st October – Half term

Our theme is Design and Technology, we will be making things that move!

Thursday 30th October – Trip to the Science Museum, with a tour around London, to fit in with our theme.

Friday 31st October – Fancy dress disco 7-9p.m.

If you would like any details about these or further information on what we have to offer, please contact Patsie on the above numbers.

BAR HILL TOY LIBRARY



Bar Hill Toy Library

Sessions are held every Tuesday from 2.15pm - 3.45pm in the Meetings Room, in the Church and are FREE to all members.

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Diary dates:

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In the Autumn we are running two junior coaching sessions each week run by two qualified coaches (who are parents) with help from parents and another coach. These are on Wednesday from 3.45pm to 4.45pm and 4.45pm to 5.45pm.

Also, on Tuesdays from 8.00pm to 9.00pm we are having regular evening session for ladies (adult and youth in year

7 and above) where we will mix fun games with some coaching - some of the adults have not played since school!! We have sticks available to borrow. Either just turn up on the night or contact Claire or Louise for further information.

The men (adult and youth) are now asking to play and we are looking for an opportunity in the Autumn to book the pitch and see the response.

For information on the coaching or the ladies sessions please ring Claire Thorby on 781527 or Louise Honey on 780966.

Committee:

Chairperson Claire Thorby

Secretray Linda Warner

Treasurer Jenny Orvis

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Committee Member Louise Honey

Committee Member Gail Pridgeon



BAR HILL F.C

The season is now well underway and it is nice to see so many people coming down to support us. Both teams have had remarkable starts to the season, retaining 100% records in their leagues with good victories both home and away.

CHARITY MATCH!!

The charity match was a resounding success we managed to raise over £250.00!! which will go to the "neo-natal" department at the Rosie Maternity Hospital. The game was won by the current Bar Hill football team by 2 goals to 1. It was nice to see some of the old faces back on the pitch (Matt Eden, Niall Dunwoody, Steve English and Russell Brown to name but a few) We now hope to make this an annual match. Many many thanks to all those that helped to organise this event.

We are still working hard to get the pitch at its best, the drainage channels have now been topped up with the appropriate soil, now all we need is some rain!!!! Many thanks to the Parish Council who have acted swiftly in trying to return the pitch to its former condition.

Don't forget to come along and support the football club on Saturday 4th October at the Social Club 8pm for our RACE NIGHT !!

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We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

Coffee Mornings on 18th October and 22nd November from 10am onwards please

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Karen Austen

Quote of the month

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Abraham Lincoln.

National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Monday 6th October:

Planning Meeting at Jill's

Thursday 23rd October:

Research the 50s at Sheila's

Monday 3rd November:

Cake Decoration at Jennifer's

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Jill Smith on 205453 or Jennifer O'Dell 201269

Jill Smith



Ladies International Group

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Details: Jo Hall 780304
or Swee Kim 200527



8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the small hall at the school. We are a very informal group of women. Our meetings consist of speakers, evenings out and meals.

The dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

2 October: Home textiles over the last 40 years.

6 November: To be confirmed

4 December: Christmas Meal at Bourne golf club. Members only.

If you are interested in joining please come along to one of our meetings or phone me on 204171.

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As winter approaches, we are well advised to take action to avoid those winter ailments. A list of all members wishing to have a 'flu jab, has been prepared, and nurses from the Medical Centre will be visiting the Club on Monday 13th and again on Monday 20th October, to administer the jabs. All people over 80 years can also have injections against Pneumonia, but this must be arranged through the Medical Centre.

Holidays. On Monday 8th September, 22 of our members joined together with members of the British Legion, for a five-day holiday to Torquay. With good weather, outings to both Plymouth and Exeter, a visit to the theatre, and a few hours at Weston-Super-Mare on the return journey it proved to be an excellent holiday. Many thanks to Terry Barnes who organised the holiday, and to Tony, of Tony's Tours, our driver. The Tinsel & Turkey holiday to Eastbourne commences on Monday 24th November.

Outings. The trip to Hunstanton, held on Wednesday 20th August, was most enjoyable, with plenty of sunshine, and some good bowling for those who took part in the bowls match. The September outing on Wednesday 17th is to Woodbridge, Suffolk, where we board a boat for a trip down the River Deben to Felixstowe. Lunch will be taken on the boat. Our coach will meet us at Felixstowe, and subject to time, we will call for tea at Lavenham on our way home. The October outing will be on Wednesday 15th, when we shall visit Stratford-on-Avon.

Competitions. Most of the competitions are now coming to an end, but I must remind members that the finals must be played off by mid October.

Raffle. Our raffle last month raised a total of £47.00, which was made up to £50.00, by the Club, and donated to our very good friends, the 2nd Bar Hill Brownies.

Mr. Bill Spratt. It is with much sadness that I report the death of our friend Bill Spratt, who died on 13th. August. Among the many mourners at his funeral on Friday 22nd August, were 19 of our members, together with many of his friends from the world of Athletics. Bill is reported to be the first Cambridgeshire man to finish a marathon and between 1957 and 1965 completed 13 official marathons. Athletics was not only Bill's sport, but also his hobby. Our thoughts are with Mary, his wife, and their daughter.

Sickness. how pleased we are to see our Chairman, Sid Hunt, back at the Club, and continuing his duties, after his recent hip replacement operation. Well done Sid. Also on Monday 15th September, we welcomed back our old friend George Wood, after an absence of 24 weeks, following his return from hospital and convalescence. His entrance into the Club met with a hearty round of applause from the 65 members present.

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I am going to repeat what I said last month - **PLEASE** do not let anyone into your home without making absolutely certain they are who they say they are. Fraudsters can be extremely convincing and may well have very official looking identification.

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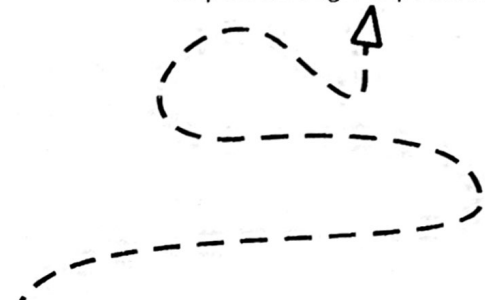


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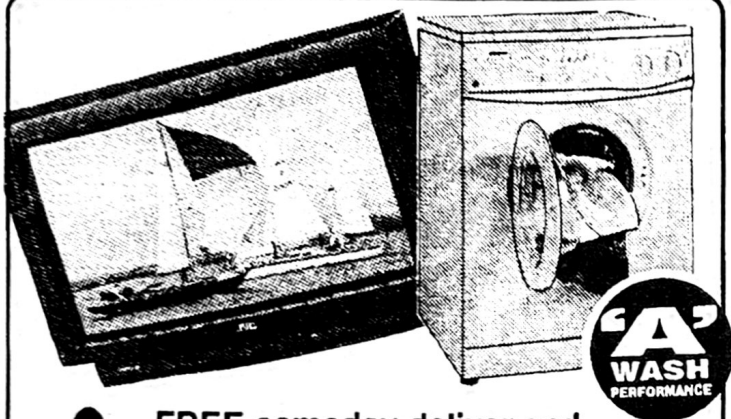
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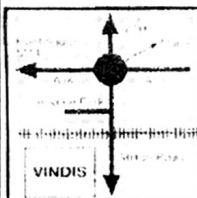
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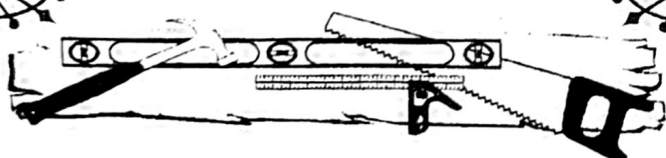
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The big news this month is our Invitation to you all to come and see what we get up to at our **OPEN EVENING** on **Tuesday 11th**



November 2003. There will be a few nibbles, and soft drinks, so do come along and maybe pick up a bat, who knows you may just have some fun yourself. You are welcome at any time during the evening, and we know the boys and girls would love their Mums & Dads to pop along.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact any of us.

More news of this in next months BHN. See you all soon, and don't forget do come along to our **Open Evening.**

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Bar Hill Football Project

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Straight after school on Tuesdays the facility is opened for a free kick around (instead of Thursdays).

The hockey club is running two junior coaching sessions on Wednesdays for children between years 2 to 6. A session for ladies (adult and youth) takes place on Tuesday between 8 and 9.

Bowls has been played on the pitch on Friday evenings which has been enjoyed by those who have been playing. If you have any ideas how this can be developed please ring me.

The facility is available for hire by clubs, organisations or private hire for matches or football birthday parties etc. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility, then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

If you have any spare time and can join a rota to help supervise regular pay and play football sessions on the pitch at weekends for juniors please give me a ring on 781527. We are also looking for someone to run some Kwik Cricket sessions (6 vs 6) on the pitch which has been trialled successfully.

Our AGM was held on 15th September and officers of the management committee elected.

They are:

Chairperson	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair	Alan Hewings
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The Bar Hill News and other Bar Hill information is available on the internet. Visit www.barhill.org.uk

Cricket Club

Bar Hill
Cricket Club

The first team, who looked like relegation candidates at the half-way point of the season, ended in fifth place thanks to a spell which saw them win seven of their last eight games.

The run included the most emphatic win of the season against Soham II, when Martin Cullum and Mark Thompson's all-round skills set up a 10-wicket triumph.

Having taken 3-15 and 3-23 respectively as Soham subsided to 80 all out, they then opened the batting and knocked off the runs in less than 20 overs, Cullum finishing with 53 – his first ever League half-century – and Thompson with 22. Skipper Dave Rush was the other main contributor to the victory, running through the tail to take 3-5.

The only blemish on the second half of the season had come the previous week at Fen Ditton, despite a good performance with the ball to restrict the hosts to 123-7. Steve Holt was the pick of the bowlers with 3-31, while 14-year-old Adam Dean put in a superb opening spell of 2-2 in five overs, eventually finishing with 2-22 off 10.

It was not enough to guarantee victory, though, as early wickets meant Bar Hill were always behind the asking rate in reply. Dave Cullum's late knock of 24 and 14-year-old Scott Stanford's unbeaten 17 took them within 10 runs of Fen Ditton's total with one wicket left when the overs ran out.

It was back to winning ways for the last League game of the season. Mark Thompson turned up in a 118 running vest and Bar Hill certainly had Coton's number, dismissing the visitors for 142. Dave Rush led the way, his 4-17 taking his total for the League season to an impressive 31. Three of his victims were

clean bowled, proving that, despite a generous contribution of wides during the season, he still knows how to bowl a straight one. Phil Walmsley, Martin Cullum and Adam Dean each backed up their captain with two wickets.

Walmsley was in bat at the end of Bar Hill's innings as they reached 143-4 to claim a six-wicket win. His unbeaten 14 took his tally to 157 in his last five innings, all of them not out. Not surprisingly, he therefore topped the first-team batting averages. Earlier in the innings, Ian Basser's 42 and Mark Thompson's 25 built the platform for the win.

The friendly team were involved in some enjoyable games, but were unable to force a win this month.

Top of the list was the traditional "Wrinklies v Smoothies" match with the Social Club XI, which saw Bar Hill chasing 161. Despite Mark Thompson, Martin Cullum and Dave Cullum all reaching the retirement score of 30, no one was able to support them and Bar Hill finished just short on 154. Be warned – we aim to win the trophy back next year!

Peter Howard's innings of 45 not out was the highlight of the game against Camden. The captain opened the innings and was still there at the end, having run out of partners with the score on 110. That was nowhere near enough to trouble the Camden total of 211-4, in which Miles Neale picked up 3-29.

The game against Comberton was notable for Dave Fletcher reaching his unbeaten 50 off the final ball of the game and a quickfire 21 from Jacques Human, which included one towering six. Fletcher's innings was his third half-century of the summer, but was unable to take his side to victory as they finished on 130-8 in reply to Comberton's 168-7. Stuart Overall had the best bowling figures of the day with 3-25 off seven overs.

The season ended with the always enjoyable game with Beehive. The visitors racked up an imposing 226-8, with Dave Cullum taking 3-16 and Paul Stimpson 2-22. After early Bar Hill wickets fell, it was left to a partnership of 88 between Jacques Human (46) and Stimpson (37) to lift the home side to a respectable 167 all out.

The season may have ended, but the social scene will continue. After the end-of-season bash comes the annual meeting in October, on a date to be decided. Visit the club's website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk for details.

In November, the club will host its second fundraising quiz night of the year at the Social Club, with some great prizes up for grabs in the quiz and the raffle, including brand new golf equipment, alcohol and much more. The exact date is yet to be fixed – watch this space. Anyone is welcome, including families (there's no need to be intimidated by our intellects!).

Paul Stimpson






Results

Date	Opposition	Type	Result
16 th Aug	Fen Ditton	League	Lost by 10 runs
17 th Aug	Wrinklies	Friendly	Lost by 7 runs
23 rd Aug	Soham II	League	Won by 10 wkts
24 th Aug	Camden	Friendly	Lost by 99 runs
30 th Aug	Coton	League	Won by 6 wkts
7 th Sep	Comberton	Friendly	Lost by 38 runs
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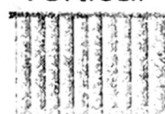
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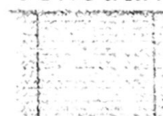
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If you would like more details phone Lisa on 201160.



The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

The August meeting was held at the village hall on the 28/08/03 with apologies from Kath Reed, Olive Taylor, Joan Smart, Maggie & Malcolm Cox, Pat & Jim Hubbard.

The Chairman opened the meeting and the Secretary Ann Duce read the minutes from the last months meeting, and read out various RBL notices from H.Q. and County.

The branch Treasurer reported a healthy branch bank balance and the monthly subs covered the rent for the room used at the Village Hall, but with the impending re-development and the possible increase in rental then subscriptions will have to be reviewed at a later date

Poppy appeal 2003 We would appreciate as much help during the collection week (3rd to the 8th November) between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday) any age group is more than welcome between 16years to 100 plus,

there is no salary only giving some spare time, even only 1 hour during any day of the week. After all what is 1 hour to a life time? Younger blood is needed otherwise the legion and all the charity work will suffer: so if you are able to spare some time contact the following -Terry Barnes (poppy appeal organiser for Bar Hill) 780221 or Neville Clark 780612. We will be pleased to arrange the times available on any day during remembrance.

The branch was advised that we would upgrade as much of the poppy appeal collection tubs etc after this years appeal.

The social at Ann & Mike Duce's was very successful as usual, with Val Evans winning the quiz set by Ann for the evening. The monthly quiz that Val set was won by Neville Clark.

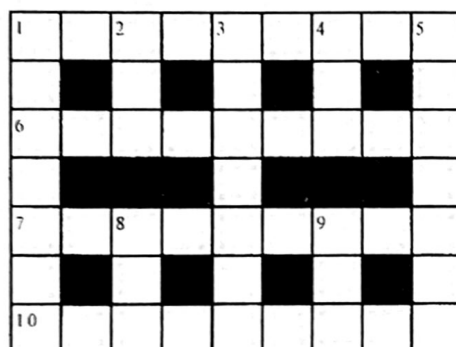
Two of our members had a day at the races at Newmarket with the Swavesey branch. Mary & Tony Shubotham had a great day; not sure who won Mary Or Tony or the bookies. Any way well done all.

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be on 23rd October 2003 at the Village Hall at 19:30 hrs

Terry Barnes, 780221

Crossword

Just for fun. Answers next month.



Across

1. One man with a dog (5,4)
6. Steward
7. Height
10. Midlands town

Down

1. Jack Terrier
2. Hur
3. Ilie
4. Tree with keys
5. Woman's name
8. Record company
9. Not a loser

September solution



Apologies for the error last month. I'm sure you clever people worked out what it should have been. The clue for 3 down should have read 'Clinton in London'

Editor

Slipping Away

Slowly the summer is slipping away.
Early and late, there's a chill in the air.
Evening draws in, and twilight comes soon
As the stubble lays white in the light of the moon

Down the lane the crickets you hear.
The barn owl is hunting alone.
Time keeps passing: it can never stay
And slowly the summer is slipping away.

Library Opening Times

Monday	2.00 - 6.00
Wednesday	10.00 - 1.00 2.00 - 7.00
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Friday	2.00 - 7.00
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Room to let in Bar Hill for professional female. £50 pw inclusive. To view please telephone Karen on 201887



Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

You will find us in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green, which can easily be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the development of all children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our qualified friendly 'Early Year's Practitioners' - Sonya, Julie and Sylvia supervise our sessions.

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- * We recognize parents are the first and most important educators of young children. We therefore offer the opportunity to directly get involved in the playgroup through our parent helper scheme. This offers reduced fees if you choose to help at a session your child attends.

We also offer the Parent/carers the opportunity to become a committee member and be part of the running and decision making of the playgroup.

CURRICULUM

Within the group all children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. Our Key worker system enables our staff team to ensure a planned curriculum tailored to the needs of each individual child. Using the Foundation Stage Curriculum the child's development is split into 6 areas of learning.

SESSION TIMES

Mon	9.15 - 11.45	
Tues	9.15 - 10.45	Play tots
	12.15 - 02.45	
Wed	9.15 - 11.45	
Thurs	9.15 - 11.45	
Fri	9.15 - 12.45	Rising 5's

LUNCH CLUB

As well as our sessions we offer a Lunch Club for the children every day.

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	11.45 - 12.45
Tues	11.15 - 12.15

The Lunch Club which is partly funded through the New Opportunities Fund, offers the child the opportunity to have their packed lunch at the Pre-School with their friends and our staff team. Lunch Club places can be booked through our administrator

NURSERY VOUCHERS

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible. For further information please contact, Julie Jolley 780445.

SUBSIDISED PLACES

We also offer reduced session rates for Parents/Carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Proof of benefit will be asked, to claim discount.

PLAY TOTS

This is run by Sonya on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of pre-school. The starting age is One Year until Three. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well deserved break, so no tidying or clearing up duties. The playgroup takes care of that. Tea and coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week. Come and see us, no need to book. Just turn up on the day.

PLACES

For places ring Sylvia 201670. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

Sylvia D.



The Over Day Centre started life in a portacabin fourteen years ago. We now have a new purpose built building which opened August 2000.

We have a client list of over sixty people coming from Over, Willingham, Swavesey, Longstanton, Elsworth, Lolworth and Bar Hill.

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If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is under £1.

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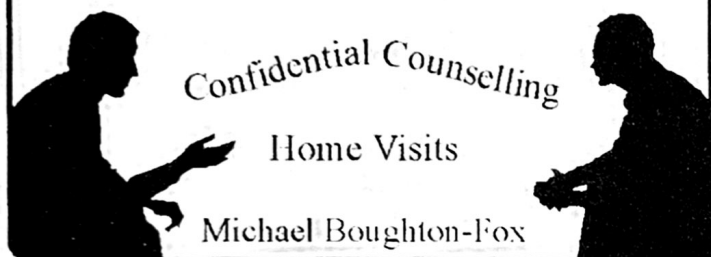



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Sun 19 th	Rev Paul Rush's last Sundat at Bar Hill Church	
	10.00am Morning Worship & Holy Communion No evening service 8.00pm Concert conducted by Rev Paul Rush	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00am Mid-week Communion	
Sun 26 th	10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Quiet Communion	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton Preacher: Dr Bryon Bache

Children's Activities

Stepping Stones - Friday 10th October "Harvest" Activity Time for all babies, toddlers and pre-school children and their parents and carers. From 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the Octagon. Entrance free. Everyone welcome just to turn up for coffee and conversation for the adults and an opportunity for the children to play ending with a songs and story time. For more information please contact Claire Thorby on 781527.

Power Pals - Friday 17th October From 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the Main Church from children in Reception and years 1 and 2. A fun session to learn about Jesus through songs, stories, games and crafts. Cost £1.00. For an application form contact Melanie Stamp on 203554.

All Saint's Party - Saturday 1st November. As Christians we have so much to celebrate especially that God has made us all saints in the kingdom of Jesus. We are going to celebrate and enjoy what this means as we meet for a party on Saturday 1st November from 4.00pm to 6.00pm in the Octagon and by the way all saints come in all ages, shapes and sizes so make sure your age, shape and size is represented. Look out for tickets or contact Claire Thorby on 781527

Bright Sparks and Live Wires. These weekly clubs which meet in the Octagon on a Thursday offer children a chance to discover more about Jesus and the Bible through crafts, games, singing and activities.

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Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel. & Fax **206120**)

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's on (See p29 for Church Services)

Thu 2 nd	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club: Home Textiles over the past 40 years	School
Fri 3 rd	evening	'Bring your party to our party' 80s Disco & Buffet (£10)	Moat House Hotel
Sat 4 th	8.00pm	Football Club Race Night	Social Club
Mon 6 th	8.00pm	NWR Planning Meeting	37 Acorn Avenue
Fri 10 th	1.45pm	Stepping Stones	Church
Sat 11 th	daytime	Autumn Fayre	SPARC (Sunshine)
Wed 15 th	8.00pm	Sunshine Pre-School AGM	SPARC (Sunshine)
Thu 16 th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 17 th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Thu 23 rd	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Branch AGM	Village Hall
Thu 23 rd	8.00pm	NWR Research the 50s	31 Acorn Avenue
Mon 27 th	morning	Tots and Teds Photos	Church

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Sun 2 nd	daytime	Sunshine Pre-School Family Photos	SPARC (Sunshine)
Mon 3 rd	8.00pm	NWR Cake Decoration	phone 201269
Wed 5 th	7.00pm	Village Fireworks Display	Village Green
Thu 6 th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club	School
Tue 11 th	7.00pm	Table Tennis Open Evening	School
Wed 12 th	7.30pm	Positive Thinking Course (4 Wednesdays)	Village Hall



Now we have been through the harvest, winter has truly begun. I don't know about you, but I like the slight chill in the air and the sense of 'all change' that Autumn brings. It's all downhill to Christmas and the start of 2004 (or maybe it's uphill to Christmas, considering all the effort that goes into it!).

So harvest festival is over and done with, next its hallowe'en and then bonfire night and then remembrance and then ... and so on. We had a rule in our house when I was growing up that you couldn't start talking about Christmas until after Remembrance Sunday - but its obvious that advertisers and shop display workers never had such a rule in mind - Christmas starts earlier and earlier.

So in October we sort of kick our heels and wait for a bit - partly waiting for All Saints day on November 1st and the chance for a party to celebrate the real fellowship of spirits, but mainly as a staging post to the next Christmas.

It's funny that - how we're always pushing on to the next thing - never content to be where (and when) we are. I think we are the poorer for it. But of course there are times when it is right to move on to something new. Most of you will be aware by now that Sue and I

The Minister's Letter

are leaving shortly and moving to Leicester so that I can start my new ministry as Evangelism Officer for the Diocese of Leicester. Moving on is always an odd time - with both the excitement (and the trepidation) of starting afresh somewhere new, but also the sadness of leaving the comfortable and known, not to mention the friendships and ties of a loving community.

Sue and I have enjoyed being here at Bar Hill. For me it has been a privilege to be able to serve the community and church as assistant minister and it has been my fortune to work alongside Gary and learn from his experience and expertise. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone for the love and support we have received here these last three years.

My new job doesn't have the benefits of a ready-made community

to fit into, because I'm not going to be the minister of a church, but move back to what God has called me to throughout my life - the ministry of evangelism - letting people know the greatest news of all. What news? - that there is a God who loves them more than they deserve and that through Jesus there is a way back into a relationship with him that is indestructible even by death.

This is a major task that the Church is called to. There is a huge amount to be done here ... and not many who take up the call to do it. But here we're back to the subject of harvest: Jesus said it, of course - *'The fields are ripe for harvest, but the workers are so few - pray that God will send out workers into his harvest field.'* (Matthew 9:37,38)

May God bless you richly - (and may you be open to receive his blessing).

The Rev'd Paul Rush

Correction: The Advert on Page 19 was printed in error.

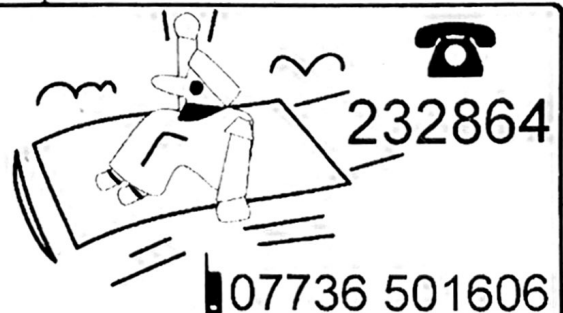
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